SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5247**

8								
6				9		2		7
			1					4
	6		2	1		4		
7	1			8				5
	9		4		3			6
1	3			7				2
5			6			9		3
		6					1	

TRICKY **B5247**

	5	6						
							8	7
		1		8		5	6	
			1	4			7	
	3		9				5	8
4			2				3	1
		5		6				
			8		9			
	4					3		

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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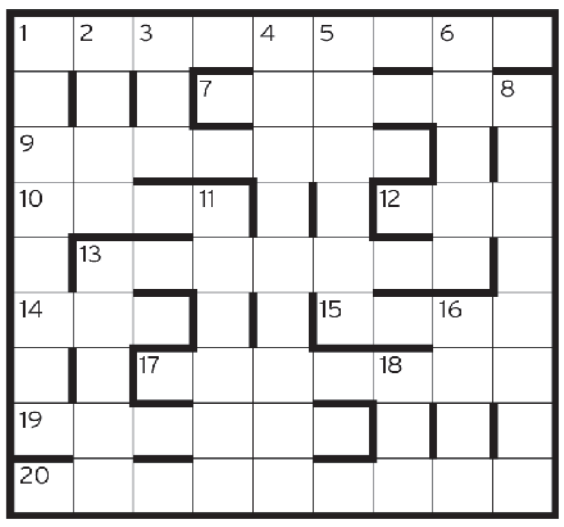
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

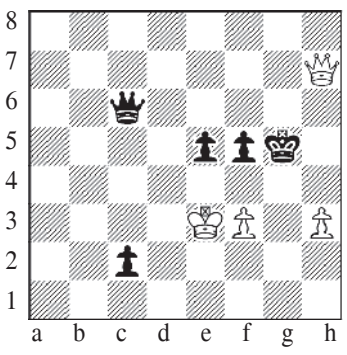
1 Physical matter (9)
7 Dread (6)
9 Regulate or manage (7)
10 Door handle (4)
12 Married woman's title (3)
13 Not in favour (7)
14 What a bird lays (3)
15 Prima donna (4)
17 Receive money, especially when not deserved (7)
19 Harsh (6)
20 Marine creature (9)



DOWN

1 Disease (8)
2 Type of thick wheat noodle (4)
3 Receptacle for rubbish (3)
4 Retry riot (anag.) (9)
5 Enclosing (6)
6 Woo (5)
8 Scientific investigation (8)
11 Cask (6)
13 Be of the same opinion (5)
16 Animal doctors (4)
18 Glide over snow (3)

CHESS



WHITE TO PLAY
HINT: WIN THE QUEEN.

Solution: 1. h4ch! Kf6 2. Qh6ch! gets the queen.

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 13;

Very good 19;

Excellent 25 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

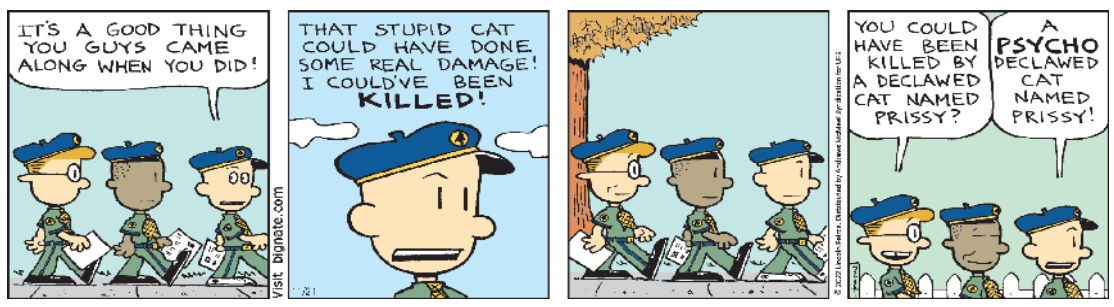
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

AFFLUENCE

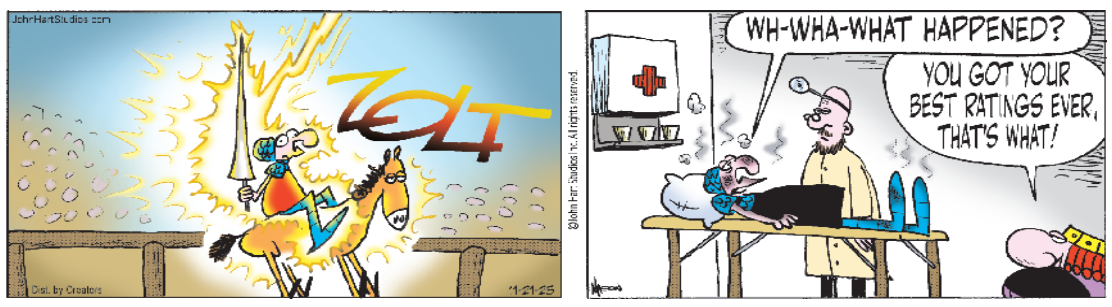
AFFLUENCE alee calf canful caul clan clean clef clue elan enlace fecal feel flan flea flee flue fuel lace lance lane leaf lean luff ulna uncle unlace

THE METRO FUNNIES

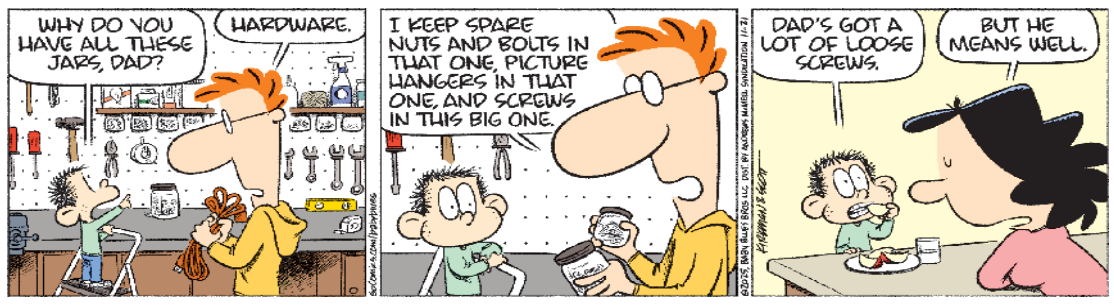
BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE


IT'S A GOOD THING YOU GUYS CAME ALONG WHEN YOU DID!
THAT STUPID CAT COULD HAVE DONE SOME REAL DAMAGE! I COULD'VE BEEN KILLED!
YOU COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED BY A DECLAWED CAT NAMED PRISSY?
A PSYCHO DECLAWED CAT NAMED PRISSY!
Visit: bignate.com

THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES


WHY DO YOU HAVE ALL THESE JARS, DAD?
HARDWARE.
I KEEP SPARE NUTS AND BOLTS IN THAT ONE, PICTURE HANGERS IN THAT ONE, AND SCREWS IN THIS BIG ONE.
DAD'S GOT A LOT OF LOOSE SCREWS.
BUT HE MEANS WELL.

WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:37pm	05:05pm	05:44pm	05:03pm	05:10pm	05:38pm
Sunrise	06:47am	06:42am	06:52am	06:34am	06:49am	06:58am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow				Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook		Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	12	26	Sunny	66	11	26	Sunny		11	26	Sunny
Hyderabad	14	31	Sunny	45	13	30	Mostly Sunny		14	30	Sunny
Islamabad	10	24	Sunny	61	10	23	Sunny		9	23	Sunny
Lahore	11	26	Sunny	77	11	25	Sunny		11	25	Sunny
Multan	11	26	Sunny	68	11	27	Sunny		11	26	Sunny
Peshawar	8	24	Sunny	65	8	24	Sunny		8	22	Sunny
Quetta	1	17	Sunny	26	1	16	Sunny		2	16	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD
ZEPPELINS

(ZEPPELINS: ZEP-ih-lins: Rigid airships supported by internal gas cells.)

Average mark 20 words
Time limit 45 minutes

Can you find 38 or more words in ZEPPELINS?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — JUBILANT

jail	built
jaunt	bunt
jilt	lain
junta	lint
ulna	abut
unit	alit
unlit	anti
until	aunt
bail	nail
bait	tail
blain	tuba
blat	tubal
blin	tuna
blunt	

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

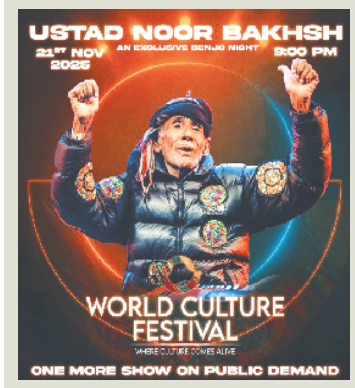
1 Likeness
8 Madame
9 Otis
10 Bus
11 Kitten
13 Amendment
15 Ankara
17 Ted
18 Knot
19 Even so
20 Trespass.

DOWN

1 Look after
2 In time
3 Knit
4 Nakedness
5 Eden
6 Sabre
7 Hesitates
12 Enrols
14 Elder
15 Acne
16 Anna.

METRO EVENTS

BENJO NIGHT



Benjo Night, a show of Ustaad Noor Bakhsh, at Arts Council, at 9pm.

WORKSHOPS

A pre-conference workshop, titled 'Evidence-Based Practice: Transforming Clinical Practice', is organised at Ziauddin University's Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, North Site, at 10am.

'Statistical Analysis Using R Software' is organised at the Ziauddin University's Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, North Site, at 2pm.

PLAY

Khudhkushi Se Pehle, a musical theatre play by Khalid Ahmad, is staged as a part of the World Culture Festival, at Auditorium 1, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 8pm.

EXHIBITION

A solo presentation by Faizan Riedinger, a German-Pakistani visual artist based in Karachi, is underway at Sanat Initiative Gallery. The show, *Rhythms of Becoming*, will continue till Nov 27.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

*** Something unexpected might impact your assets or the things you share with someone else. This could be a boon or, admittedly, it might be a loss. Whatever the case, you might be prompted to be generous to those in need, or use what has suddenly come to you to help a third party. Tonight: Be bold.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

**** Surprises or something unexpected when dealing with a partner or close friend might occur today. This could lead to your involvement with a charitable group. Or perhaps vice versa. Your involvement with a charitable group might create a surprise in your partnership. Tonight: Use your assets.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

*** You might feel the need to break free from an oppressive situation related to your job or your health. ("I can't take it anymore!") Or something unexpected related to a pet might occur. Because of this, you might appeal for help to someone in a position of authority today. Tonight: Ask for help.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

**** Parents should be extra vigilant about their children today because something unexpected could impact your kids. Likewise, vacation plans and social outings (including sports events) might suddenly change. As a result, you might use wishful thinking to escape something. Tonight: Be supportive.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

*** Your home routine will be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down, a minor breakage could occur or surprise company might appear at your door. At the same time, help from a third party might come your way in terms of practical or financial assistance. Tonight: Socialize.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

**** Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is an accident-prone day for you. Meanwhile, discussions with partners and close friends will be sensitive and mutually rewarding. You might seek ways to explore subtle thought systems. You also might become idealistically romantic. Tonight: Relax.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

*** Keep an eye on your money and belongings today, because something unexpected could impact your assets. You might find money; you might lose money. Protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. You also might want to help someone with your wealth -- in big ways or small. Tonight: Discussions.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

**** Because something unexpected might catch you off guard today, you might react or feel defensive, or even rebellious. Whatever happens might also make you feel tenderhearted toward your children or a romantic partner. There's a lot of balls in the air today. Tonight: Check your possessions.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

*** You might entertain unusual ideas because you feel you want to help a family member today or be supportive in any way that you can. Your ideas might be a bit pie-in-the-sky, or they could be realistic and helpful. Protect your health today. Also be aware of your pet to avoid accidents. Tonight: You're strong.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

**** A friend or a member of a group might say or do something that surprises you. You might react by rebelling or returning a sharp zinger. Or you might ask for help. It could be anything. One thing is certain, your idealism is aroused today and you want to help someone. Tonight: Solitude.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

*** You might rebel against authority figures today -- parents, bosses, VIPs or the police -- because something unexpected could occur. As a result, you might choose to be generous with money or possessions to help someone in need. (You want to save the world before bedtime.) Tonight: Friendships.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

**** Travel plans or something related to publishing, medical matters, legal issues or school schedules might suddenly change today. Be ready for anything. As a result, your appreciation of beauty is heightened. You also feel greater sensitivity about the suffering of the world in general. Tonight: Show respect.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♦	Pass	?

What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠ KJ74 ♥ AJ6 ♦ Q3 ♣ K952
2. ♠ 85 ♥ A9843 ♦ QJ4 ♣ K75
3. ♠ 6 ♥ 92 ♦ A875 ♣ AQ9643
4. ♠ AJ93 ♥ KQ74 ♦ 9 ♣ 8764
5. ♠ 75 ♥ KQJ8742 ♦ 74 ♣ A8

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1. Three notrump. Before discussing the proper action, it might be best to define the meaning of a non-jump overcall on the two-level. Generally, this shows not only a very good suit but also the values for an opening bid.

Once this definition is accepted, it becomes clear that this is a game-going hand, and the most likely game is in notrump. Two notrump, which would be invitational and not forcing, would be totally inadequate.

2. Three diamonds. A partner who overcalls is usually much more interested in learning if you have support for his suit and the values for a forward-going bid than to learn whether you have a suit of your own and a hand of indeterminate strength. It is therefore better to raise diamonds with the given hand than to bid two hearts, which you could also do with ♠ 974 ♥ KJ9852 ♦ 6 ♣ Q83. You are hoping, after you raise diamonds, that partner will be able to bid three notrump.

3. Four diamonds. Here you want to invite game in a suit rather than notrump. True, you have only 10 high-card points, but your distributional features more than make up for your lack of high-card strength. Another way of implying strong interest in game in diamonds would be to cuebid two spades, a method currently popular with many players.

4. Pass. Chances for game are poor, considering your lack of support for partner's suit. To bid two hearts with a four-card suit is out of the question, and two notrump is likewise not feasible because partner's diamonds might prove useless as a significant source of tricks in notrump. Despite your singleton diamond, partner is a favorite to make two diamonds, so you should get out of the bidding while you still have a chance for a plus score.

5. Four hearts. Given partner's two-level overcall, you should be a heavy favorite to make four hearts, and you should bid it directly. It would be wrong to bid only three hearts, which is highly invitational but not forcing.

Tomorrow: It's almost magic.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5246

9	3	6	4	1	2	8	7	5
8	2	4	9	7	5	3	1	6
5	1	7	3	8	6	9	2	4
1	8	2	6	4	7	5	3	9
6	4	9	5	3	1	2	8	7
3	7	5	8	2	9	6	4	1
4	5	8	1	6	3	7	9	2
7	6	1	2	9	8	4	5	3
2	9	3	7	5	4	1	6	8

Tricky — B5246

8	7	6	4	1	3	5	2	9
5	3	4	8	2	9	7	1	6
1	2	9	6	7	5	4	8	3
2	6	5	7	9	4	8	3	1
9	1	3	2	5	8	6	4	7
4	8	7	3	6	1	9	5	2
6	4	1	9	8	2	3	7	5
7	5	8	1	3	6	2	9	4
3	9	2	5	4	7	1	6	8